

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3711 - HB 3811

March 28, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each public university and community college to establish a civic responsibility course or practicum which would require students to work as election officials, if appointed, in order to receive credit for such course. The course of study shall be instituted not later than fall semester 2007.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000

Assumptions:

- The total number of undergraduate students (Fall 2005) for the UT and TBR systems was 141,318.
- The number of students who would be interested in a course of study or practicum in civic responsibility is unknown; however, it is estimated that approximately 2% or 2,826 would take the course.
- The number of students taking the course could be impacted by the demand of the local election commissions since students must work an election in order to receive credit for the course.
- Estimate assumes two semester hours would be necessary depending on the scope of the material required.
- Average faculty cost is estimated to be approximately \$73,000 annually including benefits. An estimated 24 faculty members would be needed.
- The average class size for a practicum in civic responsibility would be 15 students.
- There would be an additional cost for the development of the course.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director